इंस्ट्रक्शंस भी दे दी है कि जब तक एनवायर्नमेंट के दृष्टिकोण से इसका क्लीयरेंस न हो जाये उस वक्त तक कोई कार्यवाही प्रोजेक्ट पर नहीं की जाएगी ।

SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING: Sir, I want your protection. Sir, the Sikkim Government have got the Information Service Herald. In that they have already put the tender. I can place it before the House if you require.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Central Government has no information.

SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING: I have got the papers.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You may have. But the Central Government must have the information.

**श्री भजन लाल** : सभापति महोदय, सिक्किम गवर्नमेंट से हमने पता किया है, उनकी टेलीग्राम भी हमारे पास आ चुकी है कि हमने इस प्रोजेक्ट पर कोई काम शुरू नहीं किया है ।

PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Sir, the clearance of the schemes from the Department of Environment is very essential because of the fact that the environment in the area may be affected. My question is that once the clearance is given the Ministry of Environment and Forests should take care of the fact that the catchment areas is heavily afforested because it will take four or five years to prevent siltation. Many of our hydel dams are silted to different degrees. The Periyar dam is, for instance, silted to the extent of one-third degree. Would they take care that once the clearance is given the Ministry of Environment and Forests sees that the catchment areas are heavily afforested to prevent further siltation.

SHRI Z. R. ANSARI: Sir, in the project itself when the clearance is given certain conditions are imposed on the project authorities that they should take care of afforestation and environment which is necessary for keeping the environment intact.

*242. [*The questioner (Shri Ramsinghbhai Pataliyabhai Rathvakali) was absent. For answer,* vide *cols.* 29—34 infra]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next Question 243. Question No. 249 also relates to construction of nuclear power plants. So, both of them will be taken up together.

**Construction of Nuclear Power Plants**

@*243. **SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK**: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of nuclear power plants which have been cleared by Government have not been taken up for construction so far; and

(b) if so, what are the names of such Plants and what action is being taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Government have taken a decision to locate two reactors of 235 MWe at Kaiga in Karnataka and two units of 235 MWe in Rajasthan. Preliminary work in respect of manufacture of long time cycle components for these 4 reactors is in progress. Development of infrastructure facilities at the two sites has also commenced.

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@Starred Questions 243 and 249 were taken together.